## Dairy Inspection Program Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

- The basic purpose of the dairy inspection program is to provide for the timely and adequate inspection of dairy farms, dairy plants, milk haulers and milk trucks located throughout lowa in order to provide for consumer protection.
- Inspection assures compliance with strict regulations and tests for the presence of antibiotics in milk. Conditions for production, storage, processing and transportation are also inspected for compliance with federal regulations. Inspection insures consumer protection and allows for product to be marketed throughout the U.S. and the world.
- Currently lowa has 1991 Grade A dairy farms (milked eligible for bottling), 225 Grade B cow farms, (milk for manufacturing purposes), 133 Grade B goat farms and a Grade B sheep farm.
- Industry pays fees for the inspection services. These are deposited into the General Fund.

## Fees Deposited in Fiscal Year 2006

<u>\$ 1500.00</u>
\$ 11,600.00
\$ 3,071.22
\$594,593.00
\$ 53,545.00

## Fees Deposited in Fiscal Year 2007 Through 1-31-07 \$425,247.00

- There has been a shortfall to the dairy program during the last several years, due to many factors including unfunded salary increases, increased travel costs for inspectors, increased laboratory costs and a flat line appropriation.
- Additionally, the bureau is fully staffed and must maintain that status in order to complete needed inspections.
- The shortfall has been determined to currently be \$258,500. An additional amount of \$50,000 was appropriated for FY 2007, but the salary increases were \$70,000. We were soon back to last year's request of \$258,500 for FY 2008.
- Last year's appropriation \$693,166.
- Year to date expenditures through 1-31-07 are \$565,684.